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avail themselves of this protection against typhoid infection. A display of interest and action on the part of the ship companies, owners, agents, captains, seamen's unions, and others in authority toward the furtherance of a campaign of education in typhoid prophylaxis will most certainly be of great value in the fight against this disease.

The United States Public Health Service is ready and willing to render every assistance and advice, and at all relief stations throughout the country service officers are instructed to administer the typhoid prophylactic to all sailors applying for same.

> RUPERT BLUE, Surgeon General.

## INTERNATIONAL SANITARY CONFERENCE.

SIXTH INTERNATIONAL SANITARY CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLICS TO BE HELD IN MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY, DECEMBER 13-21, 1914.

Announcement by Rupert Blue, Provisional Chairman, International Sanitary Bureau of the American Republics, Washington, D. C., March 7, 1914.

In compliance with the resolution adopted at the Fifth International Sanitary Conference, the Sixth International Sanitary Conference of the American Republics will be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, December 13–21, 1914, under the presidency of Dr. E. Fernandez Espiro and the auspices of the Government of Uruguay.

A number of important sanitary subjects will be discussed at this conference, and it is expected that all the nations interested will be duly represented.

## Provisional Program for the Conference.

- 1. Review of sanitary legislation enacted in the different countries since the Fifth Conference.
- 2. Report of progress made in adopting the resolutions agreed to in preceding conferences.
  - 3. Reports on morbidity and mortality statistics subsequent to the last conference.
- 4. Recent developments in the campaign against plague, yellow fever, leprosy, trachoma, malaria, hookworm disease, tuberculosis, and veneral diseases.
- 5. Measures adopted to combat the prevalence of cerebrospinal meningitis and acute infectious poliomyelitis.
- 6. Progress made in maritime sanitation since the last conference, especially with reference to the opening of the Panama Canal.
  - 7. Data relating to the work of the Sanitary Information Bureau of Montevideo.1

Note.—With the approval of the program committee additional papers may be presented by any delegation on sanitary or scientific subjects of general interest.

The reports by the various delegations shall be submitted in printed form to the secretary of the conference before the beginning of the sessions and will be accompanied by a short résumé.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This subject will be treated by the delegation of Uruguay.